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| Tanner | Udall (NM) | Wexler |
| Tauscher | Velazquez | Wolf |
| Taylor (MS) | Visclosky | Woolsey |
| Thompson (CA) | Walsh | Wu |
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NOT VOTING—6

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So the amendment in the nature of a substitute was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY). There being no further amendments, under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington) having assumed the chair, Mr. THORNBERRY, Chairman pro tempore of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2356) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform, pursuant to House Resolution 344, he reported the bill, as amended by the final adoption of the amendment in the nature of a substitute numbered 9 pursuant to that rule, back to the House with sundry further amendments adopted by the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any amendment? If not, the Chair will put them en gros.

The amendments were agreed to.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

MOTION TO RECOMMIT OFFERED BY MR. MEEHAN

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman opposed to the bill?

Mr. MEEHAN. In its current form.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion to recommit.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. MEEHAN moves to recommit the bill H.R. 2356 to the Committee on House Administration with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with the following amendment:

Amend section 402(b)(1) to read as follows:
(1) Prior to January 1, 2003, the committee may spend such funds to retire outstanding debts or obligations incurred prior to such effective date, so long as such debts or obligations were incurred solely in connection with an election held on or before November

5, 2002 (or any runoff election or recount resulting from an election in 2002) and so long as such debts or obligations were not incurred for any expenditures (activities required to be paid for with "hard money") under such Act. Nothing in this paragraph may allow such funds (commonly known as "soft money") to be used to pay for any debts or obligations incurred for any Federal election expenditures under such Act ("hard money" activities).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MEEHAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I have a motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on House Administration forthwith with instructions to clarify language related to the effective date, specifically how national parties may spend soft money on hand after November 6.

It was clearly our intent that such soft money could not be used to pay off hard money debt. In fact, I continue to believe our language accomplishes that. However, others have argued that the language was ambiguous on this issue. Accordingly, this motion to recommit would make it crystal clear that the national parties could not use any leftover soft money to pay off hard debts. I ask that the Members who so kindly pointed this out to us join me in voting for this motion.

In addition to that, as we end this debate, I want to thank all the Members for their cooperation, including the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY), last night and also this morning. I want to thank all the courageous members of our bipartisan coalition. I want to thank the minority leader and the minority whip. I want to thank all the Members who signed the discharge petition. And, lastly, I want to thank my partner in this effort, the leader of our effort on the Republican side, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS).

In addition to that, I want to thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) and the others who were so gracious in giving people time tonight, and thank all the Members for their cooperation in this most difficult but historic occasion.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Who seeks time in opposition?

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to agree with the gentleman.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman is recognized for 5 minutes.

There was no objection.

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, again, I stand to advise my side that I agree with this motion to recommit.

Let me just say that this has been an energetic give and take of public debate for quite a long time through the committee process, and we have many people that we can thank for giving of their spirit and their energy and their time, whichever side of the issue they were on. We all will move on, but I just want to thank everybody involved with this on the floor today.

Our democracy works through debate, and that is what makes us great.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to recommit.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to recommit.

The motion to recommit was agreed to.

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the instructions of the House on the motion to recommit, and on behalf of the Committee on House Administration, I report the bill, H.R. 2356, back to the House with an amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment:

Amend section 402(b)(1) to read as follows:
(1) Prior to January 1, 2003, the committee may spend such funds to retire outstanding debts or obligations incurred prior to such effective date, so long as such debts or obligations were incurred solely in connection with an election held on or before November 5, 2002 (or any runoff election or recount resulting from an election in 2002) and so long as such debts or obligations were not incurred for any expenditures (activities required to be paid for with "hard money") under such Act. Nothing in this paragraph may allow such funds (commonly known as "soft money") to be used to pay for any debts or obligations incurred for any Federal election expenditures under such Act ("hard money" activities).

Mr. HOYER (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 240, noes 189, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 34]

AYES—240

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| Ackerman | Becerra | Boehlert |
| Allen | Bentsen | Bonior |
| Andrews | Bereuter | Bono |
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| Baird | Berman | Boswell |
| Baldacci | Berry | Boyd |
| Baldwin | Bishop | Brady (PA) |
| Barrett | Blagojevich | Brown (FL) |